

Applicants: Reddy et al.
Application No.: 10/675,638

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 are currently pending. Claims 1-23 have all been rejected alone or in combination over U.S. Publication No. 2005/0181795 to Mark et al. (hereinafter "Mark").

Effective date of Mark

Mark was published August 18, 2005 and claims priority from a provisional application filed on September 11, 2002. Therefore, the effective date of Mark as a reference is at best September 11, 2002.

Declaration Swearing Behind Mark

The Applicants hereby submit a Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131 showing that the subject matter of the present application was invented prior to the effective date of Mark. The Declaration enclosed herewith along with Exhibit A, which is (a copy of an Inventor Disclosure Form and Invention Disclosure submitted by the inventors to their company's Legal Department prior to the effective date of Mark. The dates on the Invention Disclosure Form and Invention Disclosures are redacted in Exhibit A as permitted by MPEP Sec. 715.07 (II).

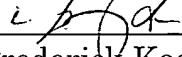
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Conclusion

Pursuant to the enclosed Declaration, the present invention was invented prior to the effective date of Mark. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections based on Mark are respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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